



NEWS RELEASE

Tennessee Regulatory Authority

Media Contact:

Greg Mitchell, 741-2904 ext. 131

For Release: July 1, 2003

Tate Assumes Chairmanship of TRA

Nashville – Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) Director Deborah Taylor Tate assumes the role of TRA Chairman on Tuesday, July 1. The TRA Chairmanship rotates among the four TRA Directors on an annual basis.

A licensed attorney and Rule 31 approved mediator in the state of Tennessee, Tate was appointed to the TRA on February 1, 2002, and confirmed by the Tennessee General Assembly. She succeeds current TRA Chairman Sara Kyle.

“I am honored to serve the citizens of Tennessee and the TRA in this role,” Tate said. “The coming year promises great opportunities and challenges for the TRA and the industries we regulate. I look forward to the chance to work closely with consumers and utility providers alike to find creative solutions to the issues that lie ahead.”

A native of Murfreesboro, Tate received both a B.A. and J.D. from UT-Knoxville and also attended the Vanderbilt School of Law. Prior to her appointment to the TRA, Tate served as director of the State and Local Policy Center at Vanderbilt University and on the senior staff of both Gov. Lamar Alexander and Gov. Don Sundquist.

Tate was recently appointed vice-chairman of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Washington Action Committee, and serves on the NARUC Consumer Affairs Committee and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Her staff will include Senior Policy Advisor Mark Reineke, former Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development, and Executive Administrative Assistant Mary Ellen Tate.

An active member of the nonprofit community, Tate is co-founder of Renewal House and vice-chair of Centerstone, Inc. In addition, she has served on numerous other local, state and national boards. She is married to William H. Tate, a partner in the law firm of Ruth, Howard, Tate & Sowell, and resides in Nashville with their children, Will, Taylor, and Carlton Tate.

###